

SENATE BILL 1469

By Dickerson

AN ACT to name the wrestling room at the Tennessee School for the Blind in honor of Frank Alexander.

WHEREAS, Frank Alexander served as the wrestling coach and a faculty member at the Tennessee School for the Blind for over forty years, during which period he served as the athletic director for many years; and

WHEREAS, Frank Alexander led his wrestling teams to multiple championships in the North Central Association of Schools for the Blind; and

WHEREAS, Frank Alexander coached multiple elite wrestlers to individual national championship titles in the United States Association of Blind Athletes; and

WHEREAS, Frank Alexander founded the first wrestling team at Donelson Christian Academy by allowing wrestlers without visual impairments to join the wrestling team at the Tennessee School for the Blind; and

WHEREAS, Frank Alexander currently serves as the track and field director for the North Central Association of Schools for the Blind; and

WHEREAS, Frank Alexander served as the orientation and mobility instructor for the Teacher of Visual Impairments Program at Middle Tennessee State University and at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Frank Alexander has been an outstanding mentor, supporter, and leader for the Tennessee School for the Blind and its wrestling program, and has impacted numerous students and colleagues for more than forty years; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The wrestling room on the campus of the Tennessee School for the Blind located in the city of Nashville shall be named the "Frank Alexander Wrestling Room" in honor

of Frank Alexander for his lifetime of service educating, training, and improving the lives of students with visual impairments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.